Guildford Monthly Meeting. No 14.

RULES

FOR

Removals and *Settlements* of *Friends*,

Agreed on by the Yearly Meeting held in

LONDON, 1737, *viz.*

I. THAT all *Friends* ſhall be deemed Members of the *Quarterly*, *Monthly*, or *Two-weeks Meeting*, within the Compaſs of which they inhabited or dwelt the firſt Day of the Fourth Month 1737; except ſuch who are ſettled Penſioners to, or have, within One Year laſt paſt, been relieved by any other ſuch Meeting: In that Caſe, He, She, or They, ſhall be deemed a Member or Members of the Meeting to which they are Penſioners, or by whom they have been ſo relieved.

II. That if any *Friend* or *Friends*, ſhall remove Him, Her, or Themſelves and Family, from the Limits or Compaſs of One *Quarterly*, *Monthly*, or *Two-weeks Meeting*, into Another, they ſhall apply to the Meeting to which they belong, for a *Certificate*, or other uſual Recommendation, to the Meeting they are removed, or purpoſe to remove into, which being obtained, and delivered to that Meeting, ſuch *Friend* or *Friends* ſhall from thence forward be deemed Members of the Meeting they ſo remove into; provided they were not inſolvent, or had been relieved by the Meeting recommending, or ſome other Meeting on their Behalf, within the Term of Three Years preceding the Delivery of ſuch *Certificate*.

But if any *Friend* or *Friends*, who has deliver'd a *Certificate*, or been otherwiſe recommended, ſhall fall into neceſſitous Circumſtances, and ſhall

ſhall aſk and receive any Relief within the above limited Time of Three Years, not having contributed to, or been employed in any Service of the *Church*, by the Meeting they were recommended to, ſuch *Friend* or *Friends* ſhall then continue to belong to the Meeting from whence they were recommended; yet the Meeting, within the Compaſs of which He, She, or They reſide, ſhall aſſiſt and relieve Him, Her, or Them, and give Notice thereof to the Meeting which recommended Him, Her, or Them: And upon that Meeting's receiving ſuch Notice, they ſhall immediately take the neceſſary Care of Him, Her, or Them, and repay the Charge the Meeting to which they were recommended has been at on His, Her, or Their Account.

III. That no *Friend* or *Friends*, Apprentices and other Servants excepted, ſhall gain a Settlement after the Time above-mentioned in any Meeting, unleſs recommended by *Certificate*, or other uſual Recommendation, and the ſame duly delivered to the Meeting they are recommended to; except the Meeting, within the Compaſs of which they reſide, ſhall receive their Collection, or employ them in any Service of the *Church*. But in caſe ſuch Meeting ſhall receive their Collection or employ them in any Service of the *Church*, their ſo doing ſhall intitle ſuch *Friend* or *Friends* to Memberſhip with them; agreeable to the Reſtriction and Tenour of the ſecond Paragraph.

IV. If any *Friend* or *Friends* ſhall fall into Want, the *Monthly Meeting*, within the Compaſs of which they then reſide, ſhall take the neceſſary Care to relieve them: And in order to prevent any Inconveniencies that may ariſe from want of knowing with Certainty, to what Meeting a *poor Friend* or *Friends* properly belong at the Time they fall into Want, whereby it may be render'd difficult for the *Monthly Meeting*, which ſhall relieve ſuch neceſſitous Perſons, to obtain Repayment of the Charge they may be at on ſuch Accounts; *it is agreed*, That where any *poor Friend* or *Friends*, ſhall become chargeable to any Meeting where He, She, or They may reſide, and who at the ſame Time are not proper Members thereof, That Meeting may apply to any Meeting where ſuch *Friend* or *Friends* have been Members, and that Meeting upon Notice to them given of ſuch *neceſſitous Friend* or *Friends*, ſhall take the needful Care of them, and repay the Charge the Meeting within the Compaſs of which they reſide hath been, or ſhall be at. But if that Meeting ſhall apprehend ſuch *neceſſitous Perſon* or *Perſons* do not belong to them, but have gained a Settlement elſewhere, They may fix them on any other Meeting where they have gained a Settlement; and in that Caſe, ſuch Meeting ſhall repay them the Charges they have been at.

V. *Single*

V. *Single Men* and *Women*, *Servants*, being hired One Year, and honeſtly ſerving the ſame in One Family, at Bed and Board or Board Wages, after ſuch Year's Service, ſhall belong to the Meeting of which their *Maſter* or *Miſtreſs* ſhall be Members: And if ſuch *Servants* ſhall ſo dwell with any who are not *Friends*, then they ſhall be deemed Members of the *Monthly Meeting* within the Compaſs of which their *Maſter* or *Miſtreſs* ſhall live.

VI. *Apprentices* ſhall gain a Settlement in that Meeting within the Compaſs of which their *Maſter* or *Miſtreſs* dwell at the Time of His or Her being bound, and living forty Days with ſuch *Maſter* or *Miſtreſs* afterwards; and in caſe an *Apprentice* ſhall be turned over to another *Maſter* or *Miſtreſs*, He or She ſhall in like manner gain a Settlement after living with them forty Days, in the Meeting within the Compaſs of which the *Maſter* or *Miſtreſs* dwell, to whom He or She is ſo turn'd over.

VII. Provided always, that nothing herein contained, ſhall be underſtood to hinder the uſual and neceſſary Care of *Friends* in their Enquiry after *Converſation* and *Clearneſs* reſpecting *Marriage*; but *Certificates* or other Recommendation in that Caſe ſhall continue to be requir'd as heretofore hath been, from ſuch Meetings as the *Friend* hath belonged to. And whereas Diſputes may ariſe about Settlements, where the Man brings a *Certificate* or Recommendation from his own *Monthly Meeting* to another, on Account of *Marriage*, *It is hereby agreed*, That ſuch *Certificate* or Recommendation ſhall not be conſtrued to make a Settlement, unleſs his *Removal* be expreſſed therein.

VIII. The *Wife* and *Children* to be deemed Members of the *Monthly Meeting* of which the *Huſband* or *Father* is a Member, not only during his Life, but likewiſe after his Deceaſe, until they ſhall gain another Settlement elſewhere.

IX. Provided always, and it is hereby *agreed*, That what Charge any Meeting have, or may be at, for the Relief of any *Friend* or *Friends*, who were before this Settlement Members of other *Monthly Meetings*, ſhall be repaid to the ſaid Meeting, by the Meeting to which they did heretofore belong: And that if any Diſpute ſhould ariſe about the Settlement of ſuch *poor Friend* or *Friends* now under Relief, ſuch Settlement or Settlements ſhall be determin'd according to the former Rules and Directions, which are not to be made Uſe of in any other Caſes.

Laſtly, All Minutes, Orders and Directions, heretofore made and recommended by this Meeting, relating to *Removals* and *Settlements* of *Friends*, are hereby declared *Void* and of *no Force*, except in the Caſes provided for in the Ninth Paragraph.